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The senior guard paced the Ramblers with a 19 point per game average over the first two contests, netting 18 in close loss to Gaylord St. Mary, before dropping 20 in a big win over Suttons Bay.



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Ramblers split first two contests

Fall to Snowbirds in tight contest, find rhythm against Suttons Bay

By Chris Fiel

Boyne City 58, Suttons Bay 36

KALKASKA — The Lady Ramblers got 20 points from Rainy McCune and some solid defense for a majority of the game as Boyne City downed the Norsemen 58-36 in a Lake Michigan-Northwest Conference Crossover Classic contest at the Kalkaska High School gym on December 6.

Boyne jumped out to a 17-7 opening quarter lead, before pushing it to a 32-13 cushion at intermission behind some stingy defense which translated into some good looks at the hoop.

Following the halftime break, the Lady Norsemen battled their way back into the game by outscoring the Ramblers 17-9 in the third quarter to pull within 11 headed into the final eight minutes of play.

"We had a third quarter let-down," Boyne City coach Kevin Fitzpatrick said. "We rushed a few things and didn't execute what we had talked about at halftime."

Boyne City would regain their focus in the fourth once again as they blitzed Suttons Bay for a 17-6 advantage to close out the contest.

"We had a nice first half, our pressure bothered them (Suttons Bay) and caused some turnovers that translated to easy baskets for us," Fitzpatrick noted. "We also were able to rotate all 12 kids



Boyne City senior Rainy McCune applies the pressure to the Suttons Bay ball handler. McCune led all scorers with 20 points. (PHOTO BY CHRIS FIEL)

in."

Rainy McCune led Boyne City with 20 points, while Mallory Karaszewski had 13 and Heather Nichols added nine, as the Ramblers knocked down five long range shots and converted on 19 field goal attempts.

Boyne City improves to 1-1

overall on the season with the win and play host to Cedarville on Wednesday, December 11 in a non-conference matchup before back to back games with Pine River on December 16 at home and an away contest at East Jordan on the 17th.

Gaylord St. Mary 46, Boyne City 40

BOYNE CITY — Gaylord St. Mary jumped out to an early first quarter lead and then had to hold on as Boyne City battled back before running out of time in the season opener for both schools as the Snowbirds won the non-con-

ference contest 46-40 on December 3.

"They came out (Gaylord St. Mary) really strong," Rambler coach Kevin Fitzpatrick said. "They are a well coached team and they have a really good player in Kari Borowiak."

While the Ramblers found themselves down early 12 points midway through the first quarter, they did not pack it in as they would battle back and outscore the Snowbirds the remainder of the contest.

"We had it to a two point game in the fourth," Fitzpatrick added. "Barring that first six minutes of play, we played a good game."

"We asked the girls to play hard and that's just what they did," the coach noted. "We played a lot of kids, we've got a good mix of offense-defense, as well as speed and height."

Rainy McCune led the Ramblers with 18 points, while Mallory Karaszewski and Taylor Baker each added six.

Borowiak led Gaylord St. Mary with 22 points.

Boyne finished 7-of-9 from the charity stripe in addition to their nine field goals and five triples.

The Rambler JV team picked up a win 40-36. Celena Brzezinski had 14, Hannah Hoth added 10 and Lexee Baker finished with eight for Boyne.

Lady Red Devils bounce back in second half against Trojans

By Chris Fiel

East Jordan 48, Central Lake 44 (OT)

EAST JORDAN — Getting off to a good start in any contest is a good thing, doing it in the season opener and keeping the game close is another.

The Lady Red Devils, which trailed most of the night got a key free throw by senior Paige Poindexter with under 30 seconds remaining in regulation to knot the game at 40-all and then the East Jordan defense buckled down and didn't allow the Trojans a shot attempt as the clock expired in the fourth quarter and forced overtime.

"Our timing was a little off and first game jitters got to us for a while, but we hung in there and played better as the game went on," Red Devils coach Steve Hines said. "We sent Central Lake to the line 21 times in the first half (the Trojans converted 15 of those attempts) which also put us in some foul trouble. We came out in the second half and played much better."

Central Lake led at the quarter

breaks 13-9, 29-25 and 36-32.

The defensive effort in the second half was the difference for EJ as they held the Trojans to 16 points over the final 16 minutes of regulation.

Once in the extra session, the Red Devils got a mid-range jumper from freshman Miranda Burks and Lindsay Schroeder went 3-of-4 from the charity stripe to spark EJ.

Poindexter and Tori Goodrich each finished with 11 points to lead the Red Devils and Schroeder added nine and five rebounds.

Also for the Red Devils, Burks chipped in with eight points and two steals, while Tiffany Polaski added three steals.

"Great to open the season with a win and I'm very proud of the Lady Red Devils for coming back from a deficit to win against a good team," Hines said.

For Central Lake, 1-1 overall, Mariah Cords finished with 10 points and Alexis Carpenter added nine.

The Trojans also won the JV game, 29-27. For East Jordan, Mazzy Pepin and Kaitlyn Hines each finished with six points.

Loggers split opening week contests

By Chris Fiel

Mancelona 46, Boyne Falls 35

BOYNE FALLS — The Lady Ironmen picked up their first win of the season with a 46-35 victory over the Lady Loggers on December 5.

Eileene Naniseni led Mancelona with 21 points.

Mancelona is 1-0, while Boyne Falls slipped to 1-1.

No stats were available for the Loggers.

Boyne Falls 43, Harbor Light Christian 33

BOYNE FALLS — The Lady Loggers got their season and their quest for the first Northern Lakes Conference title off to a good start as they picked up a NLC victory over Harbor Light 43-33 on December 2.

Boyne Falls led at the quarter breaks 11-9, 21-20 and 32-30 before pulling away over the final eight minutes of play.

Senior Emily Matelski led the Loggers with 15 points, while Reagan Pedigo added seven and Kathryn Miller netted six.

Harbor Light was led by Annie Fila with a game-high 16 points.

The Loggers also won the JV contest 38-31.



Logger senior Emily Matelski puts up this shot in action versus Mancelona. (PHOTO BY RACHEL LANGE)

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Boyne City

Rambler team adds depth and more athleticism

By Chris Fiel

BOYNE CITY — The Boyne City Rambler boys basketball team which returns six players from last seasons 11-11 squad, have added more depth to this years squad that features just two seniors.

Those seniors, Bradley Fouchia and Ryan Carson will look to lead a team filled with talent. Fouchia was an All-Conference selection last season and was second on the team in scoring at over 12 points per game, while the 6'5" athletic Carson starts the season healthy, whereas much of last year he played hurt.

"Bradley is a great shooter, and we expect good things from Ryan this year," Boyne coach Nick Redman said. "He's one of the better players in our league when healthy and playing hard."

In addition to the seniors, the Ramblers welcome back versatile 6'5" junior Corey Redman, a B.C.A.M. All-State selection and A.P honorable mention, led Boyne with a 21 ppg average.

Fellow junior, Maceo Vroman averaged 10 ppg, is a very athletic player with a good change of speed and according to coach Redman has improved his shooting and defense from last year.

6'2" versatile, Cole Butler returns from an injury that kept him out a majority of his sophomore season is a good shooter and with his hard work, looks to make a bigger impact this season, while Dalton Gardner brings back solid defense and more speed for the Ramblers.

Coach Redman expects newcomers, Zac Napont and Luke Sage to contribute in whatever role they are asked to fill.

"This is a fun group of kids



BOYNE CITY VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL: Back (L-R) Coach Nick Redman, Ben Halstead, Cole Butler, Corey Redman, Alec Hoaglund, Tanner Kruzel, Trevor Day and assistant Tylor Daniels. Front (L-R) Mac Alexander, Zach Napont, Bradley Fouchia, Ryan Carson, Maceo Vroman, Luke Sage, Dalton Gardner. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)

that enjoy playing basketball and have worked hard on their skill and athleticism," coach Redman

said. "We will be a fun team to watch and our season will be defined by how hard and smart we

play and everyone understanding their role to help the team be successful."

Boyne Falls

Loggers return key elements

Combination of inside-outside game will carry BF

By Chris Fiel

BOYNE FALLS — Logger coach Tim Smith knows that he returns an experienced talented bunch, but keeps everything in perspective.

"We've got a good group of seniors here," Smith said. "Were just trying to find an identity now, and were pretty close to doing what we want to do."

"We have two premier players in senior Brendan (Matelski) and sophomore Marcus (Matelski)," Smith said. "They are obviously two kids that we want to play around and through."

Boyne Falls will also count on some added punch from senior George "Clay" Whitley and junior Andrew Stevens, both of which started every game last season for the Loggers.

Smith also noted that Whitley, Stevens and senior Kevin Lange

are all shooting the ball well in practice as they head towards the season and that alone has created some healthy competition in practices as the student athletes vie for positions and court time.

Truman Crego and Aaron Barkley are also working hard towards solidifying the five spot on the roster and the coach expects the entire nine man team to contribute.

Rounding out the team are Ben Evans and Hunter Williams.

When asked about the strength of the league, coach Smith noted that Mackinaw City should be strong as will Wolverine, Alanson and especially Ellsworth.

"I think the league is going to be a lot better than what it has been," Smith noted. "Hardly anybody graduated anyone, and whoever wins the league is going to have to play very good basketball to win it."



BOYNE FALLS VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL: Back (L-R) Assistant coach Dale Jacob, assistant Mike Burzynski, Truman Crego, Ben Evans, Brendan Matelski, Marcus Matelski and coach Tim Smith. Front (L-R) Kevin Lange, Hunter Williams, Andrew Stevens, Clay Whitley and Aaron Barkley. (PHOTO BY CHRIS FIEL)

Ellsworth

Lancers return key veterans

By Chris Fiel

ELLSWORTH — The 2013-14 Ellsworth Lancers return a number of key members from last years squad and will look to use those experiences to propel them back towards the top of the Northern Lakes Conference.

Veteran coach George Mason returns to the sideline for his second season with the Lancers.

Top returnees are Diamond McPherson, Winter Romeyn and Nate Veldboom.

Veldboom led the Lancers with a 13 points per game average while also pulling down

seven rebounds per contest, McPherson averaged 11 ppg, six boards and four assists each time out, and Romeyn netted 10 points per game.

Many others around the Northern Lakes Conference look at Ellsworth as one of the front runners to challenge for the title.



ELLSWORTH VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL: Back (L-R) Coach George Mason, Wyatt Potter, Brian Drenth, Nate Veldboom, Tyler Drenth and Tanner Geer. Front (L-R) Zack Wynkoop, Luke Seaney, Diamond Mcpherson, Winter Romeyn. (PHOTO BY JODELL DANBERT)

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Charlevoix

Rayders set sail under new, but very familiar, name

Early-season injury sets back Charlevoix's Hankins



By Andy Sneddon

There was no get-acquainted period required.

Bret Erskine took the reins of the Charlevoix High School boys

basketball program heading into the 2013-14 season. Often, a change at the top means wholesale changes throughout.

Not so in Charlevoix, where the personable Erskine has been a fixture on the Rayder bench for more than a decade and a half, both as an assistant coach in the boys program and as an assistant and then head coach for the girls.

Erskine spent the past two seasons as an assistant to Adam Wood, who left to become the athletic director and head boys basketball coach at Harbor Springs.

The transition was seamless.

Then, a little adversity.

Rayder big man Zak Hankins re-injured his foot during a pre-season practice and will miss at least the first month of the season. Hankins, a 6-foot-9 senior, has signed with Ferris State University and, naturally, was – and still will be – a major component in the Rayders' potential success this season.

"We're going to have to re-group and see how much magic we can work," Erskine said. "Guys that would not have played as much behind Zak are going to play a ton more minutes now. It might be a little blessing in disguise. It gives those young guys a chance to step up and see what

they can do."

The temporary loss of Hankins will, naturally, be felt. But Charlevoix was far from a one-man team, and the Rayders have plenty of talent and experience back from last year's squad, that finished 14-6 overall, 10-4 (third) in the always-tough Lake Michigan Conference.

Senior Shane Sutherland, a 6-1 forward, returns to his starting spot, while senior guard Justin Pearl, a sometimes starter a year ago, is also back.

Matt MacKenzie, a 6-6 senior, also returns, giving Hankins a very capable frontcourt running mate. That duo is joined in the post by the likes of 6-3 junior Nick Plude, 6-foot senior C.J. Rice, 6-1 sophomore Austin Putman, and 6-1 junior Adam Michaud, giving Erskine plenty of talent and depth up front.

"When you have a kid of Zak's caliber, you're going to look to go inside as much as you can," Erskine said. "We're going to have a little better opportunity to go inside-outside more. We have some good ball handlers, we have some good outside shooting, we have some good post players. We're just trying to feel it out right now."

Joining Pearl in the backcourt are seniors Nick Snabes and Jackson Buday, along with juniors Kenen Borths, Noah Jeakle, Ryan Joy, Nate Moon and Will Telgenhof.

As usual, the Rayders have the luxury of a deep bench, and Erskine said he will not hesitate to call upon any of his reserves.



CHARLEVOIX VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL: Team members are front (from left) manager Ben Lentz, Noah Jeakle, Nick Snabes, Ryan Joy, Will Telgenhof, Jackson Buday, manager Luke Stuck; middle, assistant coaches Joe Solomon and Doug Waha, Shane Sutherland, Austin Putman, Justin Pearl, Nate Moon, Kenen Borths, C.J. Rice, assistant coach James Gels; back, assistant coach Andrew Potter, coach Bret Erskine, Adam Michaud, Matt MacKenzie, Zak Hankins, Nick Plude, assistant coach Jon Pearl.

"I think we have a little deeper team than we had last year," he said. "We're going to try to keep the tempo up like we always did in the past. I think we have a lot of athletic kids throughout the team. We're going to try to press as much as we can. It's going to be a good mix of height and speed. We're really looking forward to seeing how it's going to turn out."

Getting a healthy Hankins back in the lineup, obviously, will be key. Erskine said he is eager to see how much his big man has improved after a rigorous off-season. Like many rangy high school players, Hankins has taken time to develop, and Erskine said he expects much out of Hankins.

"He's just turned himself into a basketball player," he said. "You can work a kid so much, but until that light bulb goes off ... He's really got that passion for basketball. I think now he's really developed his coordination

with his body. He's only 17. He's still young. I think his ability finally caught up to his potential.

"If we can keep him healthy he has the potential to have a great year. It's just not one player that'll make our team, it's our whole team. We can't just put our eggs in one basket. He gets hurt, and now what do you do?"

Erskine is preaching a team-first philosophy, which is something that has seemingly forever been ingrained in the Charlevoix program. The Rayders long made their hay with an uptempo offense and aggressive fullcourt defense, the better to take advantage of not only talent, but depth.

Buying into that, top to bottom, is critical, said Erskine, who was an assistant under Keith Haske for years when Charlevoix was among the premier Class C programs in Northern Michigan, and long state-tournament runs were the norm.

"I really think it's getting them

to believe in each other, and believe in what we're trying to do this year," said Erskine, who, during his three-year stint at the helm of the Rayder girls program produced a 48-20 record, two Class C district championships, and two appearances in regional-championship games. "I think that will go a long ways toward bringing the community back to Charlevoix basketball.

"They have to be focused, they have to be ready to go and put in those two, three, four minutes that they get. That's one thing that I have talked about with (my players) since the first day of practice. It's never the quantity of minutes you put in in the game, it's the quality of minutes you put in when you're in the game.

"That's a challenge to them if they want to play. Having 15 (players on the roster) is just a great asset because now you have to compete for playing time."

East Jordan

East Jordan program looks to build off solid summer

By Chris Fiel

EAST JORDAN — The East Jordan boys basketball program is looking to build off a successful summer program that saw the Red Devils go 21-4 in three team camps, winning a couple of them.

They've recently had a few early preseason scrimmages against Pellston and Rudyard and veteran coach Darrin Weber likes what he sees.

"Were not real big, but were fast and we shoot real well," the coach said. "Speed is a real strength for us."

The Red Devils will look for success this season with a similar roster as last years team as they only saw two members graduate of a young squad that at the time carried five freshmen.

Back for East Jordan are the senior trio of Noah Bacchus, Isaiah Sladick and Dustin Hejka.

Bacchus is one of the best guards in the Lake Michigan Conference and Northern Michi-

gan and will look to utilize his quickness and court awareness to create offensive opportunities for both his teammates and himself, while pestering opposing guards with his catlike quick hands and feet.

Sladick will give the Red Devils an inside presence on both ends of the court. His ability to recover quick and block shots on defense will help get the EJ fast break off and running.

Hejka provides a good spark for East Jordan and his leadership ability will be relied upon much like it was during the Red Devils successful football season this past fall.

6'3" senior Jaden Hoffman and sophomore guard Jordan Weber are also expected to play significant roles, while senior newcomers Eric Golke and Joey Russel will also contribute.

Along with those key members, coach Weber looks to run more than the Red Devils have in the recent past and he expects them to compete more with the



EAST JORDAN VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL: FRONT ROW (L-R) Colin Bajko #52, Colin Petrie #24, Eric Golke #34, Joey Russell #50. MIDDLE ROW (L-R) Dustin Hejka #14, Noah Bacchus #10, Donny Cutler #12. BACK ROW(L-R) Coach Darrin Weber, Jordan Weber #32 Andrew Drenth #30, Jaden Hoffman #54, Isaiah Sladick #20, Thomas Brandell #22. (PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS)

experience all returnees gained last season.

"The boys have another year of experience under their belt,"

Weber said. "I know they will look to be in every game as well."

WRESTLING

Rambler grapplers go 2-3 at Oscoda Team Invitational

By Chris Fiel

OSCODA — The Boyne City wrestling team kicked off their season with a 2-3 finish at the Oscoda High School Team Invitational on December 7, as senior Jordan Wilmot went 4-0.

The Ramblers fell to Oscoda 36-48, lost to Essexville Garber 18-48, beat Saginaw Valley Lutheran 48-18, downed Chippewa Hills 37-36, before falling to Grayling 9-50.

Wilmot led the team with a 4-0 record on four pinfall victories in

the 145 pound weight class.

He beat Jake Foret of Garber in 1:47; Aiden LeBlanc of Valley Lutheran in 18 seconds; Jacob Thomas of Grayling in 1:30; and Brandon Buffin of Chippewa Hills in 54 seconds.

Matt Robinson and Zach Wandrie also earned four victories for the Ramblers.

Robinson (171) also pinned each of his opponents.

He downed Alec Demprey of Oscoda in 1:08; Dominic Demprey of Valley Lutheran in 2:59; Mike

VanSumeran of Garber in 1:14; and Sethe Mitchell of Chippewa Hills in 3:35.

Wandrie (285) pinned Robbie Ellman of Oscoda in 1:10; pinned Ethan Griffore of Valley Lutheran in 38 seconds; won a 6-2 decision over Zach Joseph of Grayling; and pinned Jordan Flores of Chippewa Hills in 30 seconds.

Other Ramblers picking up wins were: Tyler Himebauch (135), with three pinfall victories over Alex Barker of Oscoda in

1:54; Ben Doyle of Valley Lutheran in 54 seconds; and Ralph Kenworthy of Chippewa Hills in 2:40.

R.J. LaDere (140) earned three pins over BenRayes of Oscoda in 1:30; Jack Thill of Garber in 3:37; and Logan Wackers of Valley Lutheran in 2:37.

Conner Mills (160) went 3-2 with pinfalls over Conner Leroy of Valley Lutheran in 1:53; Noah Wilmot of Oscoda in 2:33; and Jesse King of Chippewa Hills in 39 seconds.

Ramblers earning one victory each were Parker Stolt (112) with a forfeit victory over Valley Lutheran. Chandler Roberts (152) pinned Hunter Wright of Chippewa Hills in 39 seconds. Carter Wilmot (152) won by forfeit over Valley Lutheran, and Nino Rebensburg pinned Chris Berry of Chippewa Hills in 24 seconds.

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Real Estate Corner

Question & Answers About Selling Real Estate

New House or an Old One?



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As you embark on your venture to buy a home, one of the first decisions to make is whether to buy new or purchase an existing home. Each choice has its advantages, and there is no single answer that works for everyone.

You may be drawn to the shiny new, energy-efficient appliances, the great room, and the beautiful master suite offered in a new home. But you may also like the charm, the canopy of trees that drape over the sleepy neighborhood streets, and the increasing value of an existing home you've been eying.

Here are some things you'll want to ponder as you decide which route to take.

Existing homes
Existing homes offer many considerations for potential homebuyers, including:

The neighborhood.
Many people are drawn to

developed neighborhoods for the sense of community that has been established. The mature landscaping and developed trees are often a considering factor.

Maintenance and repair. If you're considering an existing home, be sure you have a good handle on the working status of all major systems. Hire a professional home inspector to check out the house. As appliances and systems age they naturally require repair and replacement, something which may be reflected in a purchase price.

Home improvement. If you enjoy small repairs and home improvement projects around the house, then an existing home would be your cup of tea.

Existing features.
When you buy an existing home, you typically don't have to worry about buying the extras, such as blinds for the window, a security

system, or a landscaped back yard.

Land. In most metro centers, new homes may have less land than newer properties. Why? Because of changes in land-use patterns.

Location. Existing homes are often found in older, more convenient metro core areas rather than outlying suburbs.

The opportunity to remodel. In some cases buyers may prefer an older home in a particular location which can be modernized or expanded. In effect, use the existing home as a base to build a unique property.

Price. In general terms, existing homes tend to be less expensive than new properties. As well, existing homes are likely to come complete with items which may represent new home extras—blinds, landscaping, built-ins, etc.

Track record. When

you purchase an existing home, you know how much the property has appreciated over the years — in effect, you have an index of sorts which measures the community's marketplace appeal. At the same time, like stocks and bonds, you know that past results do not guarantee future marketplace performance.

Taxes. Depending on your state, you will likely have lower property tax rates. Also, many older households aren't required to pay for local bonds associated with new development, such as schools, parks, or road or transportation improvements.

Traditional layout. If you like the formal living and dining rooms, an existing home will likely satisfy you.

Featured Property

Nicely maintained ranch on nearly three acres near Boyne City



By Jim Akans

Located just a few miles outside of Boyne City, this clean, nicely maintained ranch style home on nearly three acres offers the allure of the country lifestyle yet is within easy reach of downtown Boyne City and Lake Charlevoix.

Featuring three bedrooms and two baths in the approximately 1,450 square foot layout, the home has several interior

highlights, including a master suite with a large corner tub in the adjoining bath, walk-in closets, central air conditioning, a gas fireplace, full basement, and a convenient, web remote heating/cooling thermostat system. Outdoors, the large rear deck has a retractable awning for shading from the sun, a detached three-car garage offers plenty of space for vehicles, recreational vehicles and extra storage, and the yard features an "invisible" dog fence to

help keep the family pet secure at home.

This nicely maintained ranch home on nearly three acres is located at 911 Anderson Road near Boyne City; and it is listed at just \$179,000. For a more information or to arrange a home tour, call Mike Webster at Lynda's Real Estate Service in Boyne City at 231-582-9555 or email at Mike@lyndasrealestateservice.com



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Automotive Review



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2014 GMC Acadia highlights safety, convenience features

With its reputation for comfort, performance and efficiency, GMC Acadia has remained a popular choice since it was introduced as the brand's first crossover SUV in 2007. Its luxury-minded Denali model, which came to market in mid-2010, has widened this midsize crossover's appeal to customers looking for a high level of style, power and functionality.

In 2014, the Acadia focuses on safety with the addition of Forward Collision Alert and Lane Departure Warning, crash-avoidance systems that use a camera and sensors to help detect when the driver is getting too close to a vehicle ahead, or when the vehicle enters another lane without the use of a turn signal. The systems alert the driver with visual cues on the dashboard, as well as audible signals. They complement Side Blind Zone Alert and Cross Traffic Alert, which were added in 2013.

The camera technology was recently named a "Top Ten Tech Breakthrough of 2012" by Popular Mechanics.

The new model year also brings an additional convenience feature: two charging-only USB ports on the rear of the center console to power up electronics from the second row.

Acadia's lineup for 2014 includes the SLE (with SLE-1 and SLE-2 trims), the SLT (with SLT-1 and SLT-2 trims) and the Denali models, with seven- or eight-passenger configurations. A 3.6L V-6 VVT engine that uses gasoline direct injection technology powers all Acadia models, optimizing performance and fuel economy across the board.

The engine is paired with Acadia's fuel-saving six-speed automatic transmission to help give FWD models an EPA-estimated 24 mpg on the



Acadia's refined interior uses upgraded soft-touch materials, with French stitching that adds a tailored look and red ambient light flowing across the dashboard. SLT and Denali models have aluminum accents on the center console, doors and dash. PHOTO © GENERAL MOTORS."

highway. The transmission controls provide quick and consistent shifts for a commanding feel behind the wheel. All-wheel drive is also available. Towing capability for the Acadia is 5,200 pounds (2,364 kg), when properly equipped.

Known for its interior functionality especially popular with families, including the SmartSlide seating system, Acadia allows easy access to the third row for both seven- and eight-passenger seating configurations. Additionally, the second and third row still fold flat for class-leading maximum cargo space, including the ability to carry 48-inch-wide sheet goods, such as drywall and plywood.

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NOTICE

The East Jordan City Commission Meeting regularly scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. has been changed to Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met December 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.; Mayor Peck presiding with all members of Commission present. Minutes were approved and acknowledgement was given to paid bills in the amount of \$185,120.42.

Further Commission Action: Acknowledged Receipt of the Cash on Hand for October 2013; acknowledged receipt of Monthly Public Safety reports for Fire Department, September and October 2013, and EMS October 2013; approved the removal of tablets from agenda and discontinued this proposal for 2013-14 year; approved Administrative Policy #126; adopted Resolution #116-2013; approved Administrator's pay as normal and discuss time off when he returns.

Copies of the minutes of the above meeting are posted in City Hall for review during normal office hours.

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camp activities. Responsible for safety and supervision of children. See the Mt. McSauba Camp Counselor job description for further details. Target for position start date is mid June. For further information on job descriptions and the application process visit City Hall or our website at www.cityofcharlevoix.org.

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House for rent, 3 bedroom, newly decorated, new carpet, no pets, located in Vanderbilt, Jack 989-983-2551.

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404 TRENT STREET, BOYNE CITY • \$106,900
Exceptional home in town with a double lot for that future carriage house or pole barn. The large front porch, hardwood floors, and beautifully updated bathroom and kitchen make this one hard to pass up. This quiet street is within walking distance of parks and restaurants. MLS 438904. Ask for Mike Stark.



405 UNION STREET, EAST JORDAN
What an amazing backyard, a fire pit with hand carved logs to sit on for entertaining, great landscaping and a deck too. MLS 438606. Ask for Holly Nierman. **\$74,900**



7957 BROOKS STREET, CENTRAL LAKE
Great in town location 2 blocks from the park & Intermediate Lake! Many updates just completed. Large fenced back yard. MLS 438882. Ask for Mike Stark. **\$65,900**



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308 MAPLE • EAST JORDAN
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03653 COMMODORE DRIVE, EAST JORDAN
Friendly community with private boat slips, sandy beach and family picnic area. Three BR, 1.5BA w/ Lake Charlevoix access! MLS 436953. Ask for Mike Stark. **\$106,900**



320 OLD STATE ROAD, BOYNE CITY
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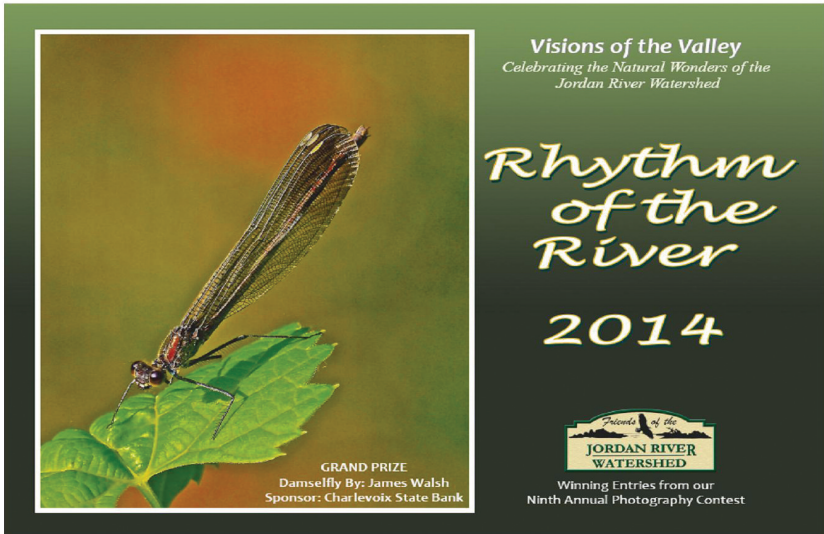
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